

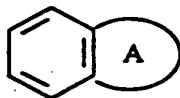
[and] or salts [and] or solvates thereof, in which:

R° represents hydrogen, halogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

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R¹ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkylC₁₋₃alkyl, arylC₁₋₃alkyl, wherein aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, methylenedioxy, and mixtures thereof, or heteroarylC₁₋₃alkyl, wherein heteroaryl is thienyl, furyl, or pyridyl, each optionally substituted with one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, and mixtures thereof;

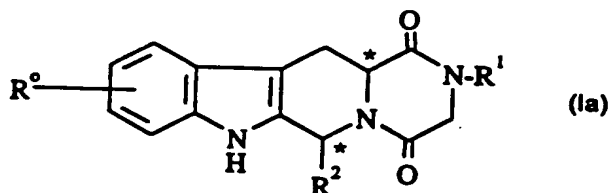
R² represents an optionally substituted monocyclic aromatic ring selected from benzene, thiophene, furan and pyridine or an optionally substituted bicyclic ring



attached to the rest of the molecule via one of the benzene ring carbon atoms and wherein the fused ring A is a 5- or 6-membered ring which may be saturated or partially or fully unsaturated and comprises carbon atoms and optionally one or two heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen; and R³ represents hydrogen or

C₁₋₃alkyl, or R¹ or R³ together represent a 3- or 4-membered alkyl or alkenyl chain component of a 5- or 6-membered ring.

2. (Amended) A compound of formula (Ia)

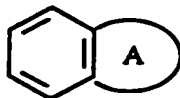


[and] or salts [and] or solvates thereof, in which:

R° represents hydrogen, halogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkylC₁₋₃alkyl, arylC₁₋₃alkyl or heteroarylC₁₋₃alkyl; and

R² represents an optionally substituted mono-
cyclic aromatic ring selected from benzene, thiophene,
furan and pyridine or an optionally substituted bicyclic
ring

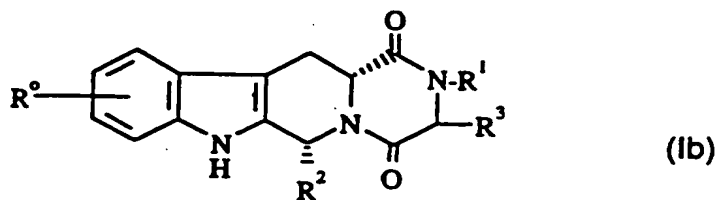


attached to the rest of the molecule via one of the ben-
zene ring carbon atoms and wherein the fused ring A is a
5- or 6-membered ring which may be saturated or partially
or fully unsaturated and comprises carbon atoms and op-
tionally one or two heteroatoms selected from oxygen,
sulphur and nitrogen.

8. (Amended) A cis isomer of formula (I)
represented by formula (Ib)

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and mixtures thereof with its cis optical enantiomer, including racemic mixtures, ~~and~~ or salts ~~and~~ or solvates of these compounds in which R⁰ is hydrogen or halogen and R¹, R² and R³ are as defined in claim 1.

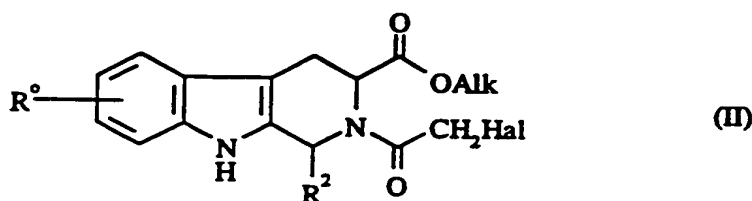
Claim 9, line 24, delete "and", both occurrences, and insert therefor, for each occurrence, --or--.

Claim 10, line 3, delete "and", both occurrences, and insert therefor, for each occurrence, --or--.

Cancel claims 11 and 12, without prejudice.

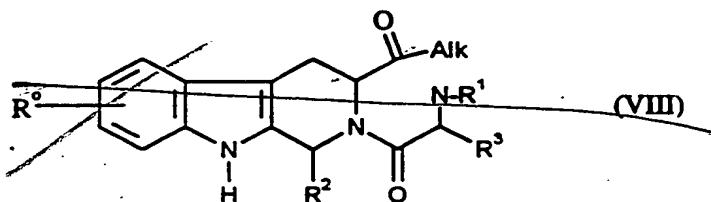
Amend claims 16 and 17 as follows:

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16. (Amended) A process of preparing a compound of formula (I), ~~[which process comprises:~~
~~a process (A) for preparing a compound of~~
~~formula (I),]~~ wherein R³ represents hydrogen, which process ~~[(A)]~~ comprises treating a compound of formula (II)



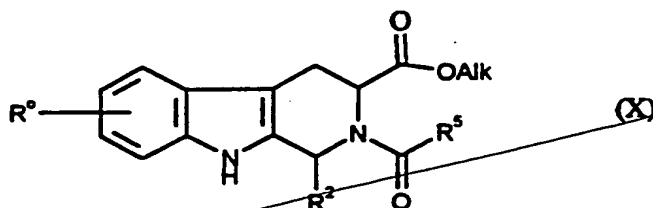
in which Alk represents C₁₋₆alkyl and Hal is a halogen atom, with a primary amine R¹NH₂; or

~~a process (B) for preparing a compound of formula (I), wherein R¹ and R³ together represent a 3- or 4-membered alkyl or alkenyl chain, which process (B) comprises cyclisation of a compound of formula (VIII)~~



wherein Alk represents C_{1-6} alkyl and R^1 and R^3 together represent a 3- or 4-membered chain both as defined above; or

a process (C) for preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein R^3 represents C_{1-3} alkyl, which process (C) comprises cyclisation of a compound of formula (X)



wherein Alk represents C_{1-6} alkyl and R^5 represents C_{2-5} alkyl, substituted at C_1 by a halogen atom;] or the process [(A), (B) or (C)] as hereinbefore described followed by

- i) an interconversion step; and/or
- either
- ii) salt formation; or
- iii) solvate formation.

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17. (Amended) Compounds of formulae (II), (III), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) and (X), with the exception for compounds (III), (V), (VI) and (VII) wherein R^0 is hydrogen, R^2 is phenyl and Alk is methyl].